

One And The Same Affidavit
REFER TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FORM T-227-I

Form Use

- To document and take responsibility for any differences or conflicts in a legal name, signature or assignments of title (First name, middle name or initials. Suffixes under certain conditions, i.e., Jr., Sr., III, IV, II, etc.).
- All requested information (except for signatures) must be electronically completed and printed; legibly printed by hand; or, typed.
- Form can be used with an application for title supported by a replacement title application; Georgia Title; Statement of Origin; out-of-state title assigned to a Georgia owner; or, Georgia court order or judgment.
- Form can not be used to explain differences in a motor vehicle dealer's name.
- Form can not be used in place of a divorce decree; marriage certificate or court ordered name change.

PART 1 (Electronically Complete/Print, Type, or Legibly Print by Hand)

This affidavit is given to secure a title in the name of _____

for the following vehicle

Vehicle Year

Vehicle Make

Vehicle Identification Number _____

PART 2 (Electronically Complete/Print, Type, or Legibly Print by Hand)

This is to certify that _____

and _____ are one and the same person or

company. This is to further certify that I, (We) _____

of _____ (Company/Business Name, if applicable)

shall hold harmless, pay restitution and indemnify: the State of Georgia, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety, the Motor Vehicle Division, their agents, the motor vehicle's owner(s) and the motor vehicle's security interest holder(s) or lien holder(s) for any and all losses or incurred costs, should it be alleged and proved or alleged and adjudicated that this affidavit contains false, fraudulent, incorrect, misleading or erroneous information.

PART 3

Signature of Person Completing Affidavit

Driver's License # of Person Completing Affidavit

Street Address of Person Completing Affidavit

Printed Company/Business Name (if Applicable)

City, State, Zip of Person Completing Affidavit

Position with Company/Business (if Applicable)

Telephone # of Person Completing Affidavit

Company/Business Address (if Applicable)

PART 4 Notary Public's Acknowledgement

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature & Seal of Notary Public

Date My Commission Expires

Printed Name of Notary Public

Driver's License # of Notary Public

Street Address of Notary Public

City, State, Zip Code & Telephone # of Notary Public

‘One And The Same Affidavit (Form T-227)’ Information Sheet

Title applications, assignments on certificates of title and documents used to support the issuance of certificates of title should be completed and signed according to the legal name(s) of the owner(s) in order for certificates of title to be issued in the legal owner(s) name(s). For a person, the legal name is the name on the driver’s license. For a business, the legal name is the name on the business license, articles of incorporation or other document that establishes a business name. A title to a motor vehicle is like a deed to a home. The same care and concern used in real estate transactions should be exercised in motor vehicle title transactions to make sure signatures, title assignments and title applications are completed in the legal owner’s name whether or not the owner is the buyer (current owner) or the seller (previous owner) of the motor vehicle.

In our experience, when title applications are signed or title assignments are made and signed, legal names are not consistently used. This presents two challenges to the Motor Vehicle Division and County Tag Offices who must examine title applications and documents to make sure that motor vehicle ownership is legally transferred and documented while at the same time provide a level of customer service that meets or exceeds expectations.

In order to meet these challenges, a ‘One And The Same Affidavit’ (Form T-227) has been developed. This affidavit must be completed and submitted whenever a legal name and signature; or, legal name and title assignment; or, signatures or title/document assignments do not provide the Motor Vehicle Division and County Tag Offices sufficient documented proof that a transfer of ownership or title application will withstand a legal challenge of the documents accepted to issue a title. For example, you may know that Mrs. Missy Jones is Melissa Ann Jones; however, the Motor Vehicle Division and County Tag Offices do not. So, if a judgment has been obtained in the name of Mrs. Missy Jones and the title application is completed in her legal name, Melissa Ann Jones, the ‘one and the same affidavit’ must be completed and submitted with the title application and other supporting documents, if Mrs. Missy Jones and Melissa Ann Jones are the same person.

This affidavit (Form T-227) can not be used in place of a power of attorney form. If John Smith signs Mary Jones’ name or John Smith signs his name on a title application in Mary’s name or title assigned to Mary, she must complete a power of attorney form saying that John Smith can sign for her and the power of attorney form must be submitted with the title application and other documents. This affidavit can not be used to explain any differences in a motor vehicle dealer’s name. This affidavit can not be used in place of a divorce decree; marriage certificate or court ordered name change. In other words, this affidavit will not be accepted to explain any differences in a last name.

If the legal name contains a suffix like Jr., Sr., II, III, IV, etc. and a required signature or assignment does not have a suffix, then this affidavit (Form T-227) should be completed and submitted with the application for title and supporting documents. Additionally, if a required signature or assignment has a suffix, however, the legal name (driver’s license name) does not have a suffix, this affidavit should be submitted with the application for title and supporting documents. This affidavit will not be accepted, however, when the legal name has a suffix and a required signature or assignment has a different suffix. Example (1): John Doe JR is legal name. Documents signed or title assigned or application completed in the name of John Doe. In this example, Form T-227 will be accepted in place of obtaining new signatures and/or assignments. Example (2): John Doe IV is the legal name. Documents signed or title assigned or application completed in the name of John Doe III. In this example, Form T-227 will not be accepted; new signatures and/or assignments would have to be obtained.

The first three parts of the affidavit must be completed in their entirety by a person that has personal knowledge of the facts noted in the affidavit. The vehicle owner, the security interest holder or lien holder, a judgment creditor, or the seller can complete form T-227. A person named in a Power of Attorney can also submit this affidavit. The person completing the ‘one and the same’ affidavit bears legal and financial responsibility should the facts in the affidavit be successfully challenged in an administrative or court proceeding. The affidavit must be notarized and the notary public must complete all information in Part 4 of the affidavit.

If this affidavit is not submitted to document legal name discrepancies in signatures and title assignments, new documents and/or signatures without discrepancies must be obtained. If the discrepancies in the signatures and/or assignments are not acceptable to the Motor Vehicle Division or County Tag Offices even with the submission of Form T-227, new documents and/or signatures must be obtained.